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Identical letters dated 26 February 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations committed from 15 to 21 February 2007 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 13, and of the Security Council.

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Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 15 to 21 February 2007, inclusive

Air violations

At 2114 hours on 19 February 2007 an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Naqurah, heading east, and circling over areas in the South. It then left at 0012 hours on 20 February 2007, over `Alma al-Sha`b.

At 2200 hours on the same day, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh, heading north. It circled over the Riyaq area, then left over Rumaysh at 0200 hours on 20 February 2007.

Between 0800 and 1145 hours on 20 February 2007 an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah and circling over areas in the South, whereupon it left over Naqurah.

Between 1758 and 2100 hours on the same day, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah and circling over areas in the South, then left over Naqurah.

Between 0925 and 1125 hours on 21 February 2007 an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah, heading north. It circled over the southern regions, where it was met with fire from ground anti-aircraft batteries belonging to the Army (LM-12) at the place known as Jinnata, then left Lebanese airspace over Naqurah.

Between 0945 and 1145 hours on the same day, four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over `Alma al-Sha`b and heading north as far as Rashayya, It then headed towards the sea, circled over areas of the South, Al-Biqa` al-Gharbi (Western Bekaa) and the Shouf mountains, proceeded to a distance of 10 miles out over the sea, then left over the sea off Naqurah.

Between 1350 and 1645 hours on the same day, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, flew over the Nabatiyah region and released heat balloons over the town of Nabatiyah and the village of Duwayr.

Between 2017 and 2225 hours on the same day, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Al-Bayadah. It circled over the southern regions, then left over `Alma al-Sha`b.

At 2227 hours on the same day, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over `Alma al-Sha`b, heading north, and after circling over the southern regions, left over `Alma al-Sha`b at 0017 hours on 22 February 2007.

Sea violations

None.

Field violations

Between 1015 and 1040 hours 15 February 2007 a bulldozer belonging to the Israeli enemy carried out engineering operations involving stagnant water that had collected within occupied Palestinian territory opposite the Kafr Killa — Al-Udaysah road so as to permit the water to flow into Lebanese territory. Accompanying it was a patrol made up of a Hummer and a military jeep. When a number of Lebanese citizens gathered on the Lebanese side, the enemy patrol was reinforced with two Hummers and an additional jeep.

Between 1935 and 2030 hours on 21 February 2007 Israeli enemy forces shined searchlights from Tayyarat position (opposite the village of Yarun) towards the areas surrounding Yarun and Bint Jubayl.

Other Israeli activities

Between 1345 and 1425 hours on 17 February 2007 the sound of movements by tracked vehicles was heard between the Summaqah and Birkat Hasan outposts of the Israeli enemy forces within the occupied Shab`a Farms.

Between 1830 and 1845 hours on 18 February 2007, Israeli enemy forces, from their position at Al-Hadb within occupied Palestinian territory (opposite the village of Yarun), fired four flare shells over the said position.

Between 2000 and 2300 hours on the same day, an Israeli enemy helicopter flew within occupied Palestinian territory (opposite the villages of Mays al-Jabal and Marun al-Ra`s).

At 0947 hours on 19 February 2007 a communication was received from the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), reporting that the Israeli enemy was carrying out light weapons fire in area E442 within occupied Palestinian territory (opposite Markaba).

Between 1200 and 1230 hours on the same day, two Israeli enemy helicopters overflew the occupied Shab`a Farms.

Between 0730 and 0820 hours on 20 February 2007 the sound of the movement of tracked vehicles was heard between the Ramta and Fashkul posts of the Israeli enemy forces in the occupied Shab`a Farms and Israeli enemy military aircraft flew over the said Farms.

At 1200 hours on the same day a civil engineering machine (Falasha) belonging to the Israeli enemy carried out road maintenance work between the Saliha post and the Avivim barracks, being accompanied by three Hummers (opposite Marun al-Ra's), and a bulldozer worked on the fortification of the Saliha post from the inside. At 1545 hours all the vehicles left, heading for the Avivim barracks.

Between 1215 and 1245 hours on the same day Israeli enemy forces strafed the area around their outpost at Zabdin and Al-Qarn, within the occupied Shab`a Farms, with medium machine-gun fire.

Between 1530 and 1630 hours on the same day, the sound of the movement of tracked vehicles belonging to the Israeli enemy was heard between its two posts at Ramta and Summaqah within the occupied Shab'a Farms. Also heard were a number of intermittent rounds of medium machine-gun fire coming from the said posts.

At 1600 hours on the same day, during a visit by the UNIFIL Commander, General Claudio Graziano, to the Indian unit's Saddanah post, a number of journalists proceeded towards the occupied Shab'a Farms border in order to take some photographs. Israeli enemy forces fired a number of rounds into the air from their Summaqah position within the said Farms, whereupon the journalists immediately left.

Between 1650 and 1700 hours on the same day, in the place known as Labbunah within occupied Palestinian territory (opposite Naqurah), a number of rounds of fire from light weapons were heard and two helicopters belonging to the enemy forces were seen over the said area.

Between 1910 and 1930 hours on the same day, four Israeli enemy helicopters overflew occupied Palestinian territory (opposite Ra's Naqurah).

At 1310 hours on 21 February 2007 an explosion was heard at the place known as Khallat Wardah (opposite the village of 'Ayta al-Sha'b).

At 1240 on the same day, rounds of medium-calibre machine-gun fire were heard from within occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the village of Yarun.